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<u>L16</u>	L15 and meta same information	22	<u>L16</u>
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File: USPT

Sep 28, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5960409

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5960409 A

TITLE: Third-party on-line accounting system and method therefor

DATE-ISSUED: September 28, 1999

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 8/ 729188 [PALM]

DATE FILED: October 11, 1996

INT-CL: [6] G06 F 13/14, G06 F 13/42, H04 L 12/46, H04 L 29/02

US-CL-ISSUED: 705/14; 709/224, 709/245, 709/218, 707/501

US-CL-CURRENT: 705/14; 345/738, 707/501.1, 709/218, 709/224, 709/245

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 705/14, 705/26, 705/27, 705/30, 395/200.54, 395/200.57, 395/200.48, 395/200.75, 707/501, 707/513, 707/104, 380/23, 380/24, 380/25, 379/118, 379/127, 379/142, 709/218, 709/224, 709/227, 709/245

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ART-UNIT: 275

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Stamber; Eric W.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: DeMont & Breyer, L.L.C. Breyer; Wayne S. DeMont; Jason Paul

ABSTRACT:

A system and method for providing on-line third party accounting and statistical information is disclosed. A third party accounting service receives a download request signal ultimately intended for an advertiser Web site. The download request signal is generated when a user clicks on a banner displayed on a Web page of a frequently-visited Web site. The banner is published by the frequently-visited Web site for the benefit of the advertiser. The third party receives the download request since, rather than pointing to the advertiser Web site, the banner is configured to point to the third party Web site. The third party Web site maintains a count of all received download request signals generated by clicking on the banner. Since an advertiser banner may be displayed at more than one frequently-visited Web site, the third party Web site further maintains a log containing the address of the frequently-visited Web site that displayed the banner that generated the click, as well as other information provided by the user Web browser. The third party sends a redirect signal to the user Web browser causing it to send a download request to the advertiser Web site. The advertiser Web site then downloads the information originally sought by the user to his Web browser. The third party accumulates and tabulates statistical information including the number of clicks on the advertiser banner, and data indicative of the effectiveness of the banner-publisher frequently-visited Web site as an advertising medium. Such information is provided to the advertiser and/or the banner publisher.

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File: USPT

Oct 20, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5826261

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5826261 A

TITLE: System and method for querying multiple, distributed databases by selective sharing of local relative significance information for terms related to the query

DATE-ISSUED: October 20, 1998

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: May 10, 1996

INT-CL: [6] G06 F 17/30

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/5; 707/1, 707/2, 707/3, 707/10

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/5; 707/1, 707/10, 707/2, 707/3

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/5, 707/1, 707/2, 707/3, 707/10

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ART-UNIT: 271

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ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Min; Donald

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fenwick & West LLP

#### ABSTRACT:

A system, method, and various software products provide improved information retrieval performance from multiple document databases by retrieving from the multiple document databases in response to a user query, a set of documents that globally satisfy the query, even though each database maintains independent document indices, term frequency information, and scoring functions. The global search result approximates, to any desired degree of error, the search results that would have been obtained had the multiple document databases been globally indexed. This is done by sharing at the time the query is executed, a small subset of information about the local relative significance of terms related to the user's query, and from this information, determining a global relative significance of such terms. From the global relative significance, the individual document databases determine their query results, which are then merged into a global set of documents satisfying the query. The shared local relative significance information may be the inverse document frequency of each of a number of terms related to the query, or it may be the total frequency of each of such terms. The global relative significance may correspondingly be a global inverse document frequency, or a global term frequency from which the global inverse document frequency is calculated.

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Jan 4, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6012053

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6012053 A

TITLE: Computer system with user-controlled relevance ranking of search results

DATE-ISSUED: January 4, 2000

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Watson; Gray	Pittsburgh	PA		
Green; Richard M.	Pittsburgh	PA		
Schiegg; Michael J.	McKeesport	PA		

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APPL-NO: 8/ 880923

DATE FILED: June 23, 1997

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US-CL-CURRENT: 707/3; 345/866, 345/968, 700/4, 707/4, 707/5, 707/6FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/3, 707/4, 707/5, 707/6, 707/7, 707/102, 707/103, 707/104,  
707/203, 364/920, 364/6, 364/222, 364/133, 340/146, 395/185, 455/4, 455/2, 348/2,  
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<u>5500920</u>	March 1996	Kupiec	707/4
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<u>5696962</u>	December 1997	Kupiec	707/3
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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lintz; Paul R.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Havan; Thu-Thao

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Wolf, Greenfield &amp; Sacks, P.C.

## ABSTRACT:

A computer system for performing searches on a collection of information includes a mechanism through which results from a search query are ranked according to user specified relevance factors to allow the user to control how the search results are presented. The relevance factors are applied to the results achieved for each query. That is, each item returned by the search has a set of attributes. Each of these attributes is assigned a weight according to the specified relevance factors. These weights are combined to provide a score for the item. Search results are provided to the user, ordered according to scores. The application of the relevance factors does not alter the query performed on the collection of information.

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Jan 26, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5864846

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5864846 A

TITLE: Method for facilitating world wide web searches utilizing a document distribution fusion strategy

DATE-ISSUED: January 26, 1999

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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## ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 8/ 674646

DATE FILED: June 28, 1996

INT-CL: [6] G06 F 17/30

US-CL-ISSUED: 707/5; 707/2, 707/3, 707/4

US-CL-CURRENT: 707/5; 707/2, 707/3, 707/4

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 707/3, 707/5, 707/2, 707/4

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<u>5442778</u>	August 1995	Pedersen et al.	707/5
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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lintz; Paul R.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Ahmed; Adel A.

ABSTRACT:

A computer-implemented method for facilitating World Wide Web Searches and like database searches by combining search result documents, as provided by separate search engines in response to a query, into one single integrated list so as to produce a single document with a ranked list of pages, by forming a set of selected queries, the queries including respective terms, for which selected queries relevance data from past data is known, herein referred to as training queries, in a vector space comprising all training queries, the relevance data comprising judgments by a user as to whether a page is appropriate for a query which retrieved it. Further steps in the method are identifying a set of k most similar training queries to current query q, computing an average relevant document distribution of the k queries within the training queries' search results for each of the search engines, using the computed relevant document distributions, finding an optimal number of pages to select from the result set of each search engine when N total pages are to be retrieved, and creating a final retrieved set by forming the union of the top .lambda..sub.s pages from each search engine.

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